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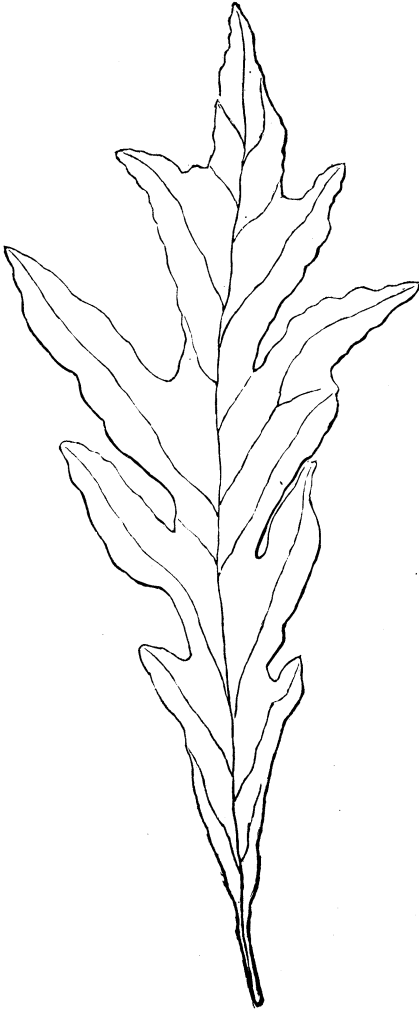
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§ 121. **Peculiarly-lobed Leaves in *Quercus alba*, L.**—The leaves



of oak trees present so great a diversity of shape and outline, that any attempt to indicate unusual or peculiar forms may be considered superfluous. A case however, of so great a divergence from the typical form as represented in the accompanying sketch, drawn from one of many similar specimens in my possession, may prove of sufficient interest to be placed on record.

The tree from which the leaves were taken grows on the farm of Dr. J. B. Potter at Bridgeton, Cumberland Co., N. J., and is now some six or seven feet in height. Its leaves all have the peculiar lanceolate, or oblanceolate outline, and narrow, mostly acute lobes of the one shown in the sketch, and, indeed, some are still more elongated. The peculiarity has existed ever since the tree was first noticed, a few years ago; there are no other trees like it in the vicinity, and Dr. Potter has never before seen anything resembling it. A number of other species of *Quercus* grow in the neighborhood, but there is nothing to indicate that this is a hybrid form, and it probably is merely a sport of the white oak.

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§ 122. ***Simblum rubescens*, Gerard, in Iowa.**—To-day a young man in one of my classes in botany brought me several specimens of a plant which had excited his curiosity. Upon examination they proved to be *Simblum rubescens*, Gerard, described in the BULLETIN in January, 1880. Two of the specimens showed the abnormal double stipe.* I fail to see any departure in the Iowa specimens from the form of the species so well described by Mr. Gerard.

Ames, Iowa, Oct. 5, 1881.

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* Illustrated in Plate ii, Vol. vii.